

## Four Cities Vent on New Ethics Roles, Fire Commission Changes

by Kathleen Gallagher

Officials from Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt and New Carrollton met in Greenbelt on October 26 for the last quarterly meeting of the Four Cities Coalition for 2011. Representing a combined total of about 69,000 residents, the coalition confers on issues and projects of common concern, with meetings rotating among the four neighboring municipalities.

On the October agenda were presentations from two external groups: Community Tax Aid, Inc. of Washington, D.C. and the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation. Of the seven other agenda items, two that sparked the most heat were actions taken by state and county government: requirements enacted by the state for revision of ethics codes by most local government jurisdictions and County Executive Rushern Baker’s proposal to restructure the Prince George’s County Fire Commission.

**Officials Attending**

Including visitors, about 30 people attended. As mayor of the host city, Mayor Judith Davis chaired the meeting. Four of Greenbelt’s other six councilmembers were present: Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran were also on board.

The entire Berwyn Heights Town Council attended, including Mayor Cheye Calvo and Councilmembers Richard Ahrens, Patricia Dennison, Jodie Kulpa-Eddie and James Wilkinson. Town Administrator Edward Murphy was also present.

In addition to Mayor Andrew Fellows, College Park fielded three councilmembers, Robert Catlin, Christine Nagle and Patrick Wojahn, as well as City Manager Joseph Nagro.

Representing New Carrollton were Mayor Andrew Hanko, Councilmembers Liza Fenton,

Duane Rosenberg and James Wil-doner and Assistant City Administrative Officer Graham Waters.

**Ethics Legislation**

When Davis asked Fellows why College Park had asked to put the state’s new ethics legislation on the agenda, he replied, “Because I want to vent!” He said College Park wanted to recommend to its state delegation that the requirements be amended.

Davis noted that the Maryland Municipal League (MML) had been criticized for not taking a leadership role in objecting to the burden being put on municipalities, in particular by the new law’s reporting requirements, which had been designed for state officials. She said MML thought that objections at that point in time might be mistaken for opposition to the state’s efforts at ethics reform rather than an attempt to make the new

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## Davis and Jordan Elected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

by Diane Oberg

The 39th Greenbelt City Council was sworn in on Monday November 14 in the Greenbelt City Council Chambers. The new council looks much the same as the prior council: same seven people, same mayor (Judith Davis) and mayor pro tem (Emmett Jordan) and even the same seating plan at the council table. But some history was made as Mayor Davis noted that Councilmember Edward Putens was beginning his 16th term and has now served on council for longer than any other councilmember.

After City Clerk Cindy Murray read the certification of the election results into the record, Mayor Davis swore in Putens, Jordan, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope.

Then, with one of many references to Putens’ long tenure, council elected him the temporary

chair to oversee the election of the mayor. Council followed tradition and elected Davis, the top votegetter. Marilyn Bland, Clerk of the Circuit Court, swore in Davis, who recruited one of Mach’s grandchildren, Alexa, to hold the Bible.

Davis made a brief statement, then oversaw the election of Jordan as mayor pro tem.

Each councilmember thanked the people who had helped in their campaigns and the citizens, most also referencing their door-knocking experiences.

Davis noted the city’s challenges many of which stem from the weak economy. Among those she mentioned were taxes and crime, which she said were the top issues raised by citizens during her doorknocking forays. She also mentioned various capital

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## Detailed Report on City Council Worksession on Middle School

by Thomas X. White

This is an expanded report on the October 3 Greenbelt City Council worksession to discuss options regarding future use of the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) when it is vacated next year. A brief report appeared in the October 6 issue of the News Review. It focused on council’s reaction to the surprising news that the Prince George’s County Board of Education (BOE) does not intend to give up ownership.

The worksession had been intended to continue discussion relating to possible acquisition by the city of GMS and to further explore potential community uses for the school. In addition, council hoped to understand better the processes to be carried out by BOE in closing the school in 2012 and making decisions regarding its future uses. However, acquisition of the school or even portions of it by the city is not a BOE option.

All members of council were present, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant Recreation Director Joseph McNeal. David Lange, chair of the city’s GMS Task Force, and several task force members were also present. Paul Taylor and Carmen Jackson-Brown represented BOE’s Capital Programs Office. A handful of interested residents were also present.

Following introductions, May-

or Judith Davis offered the community members a first opportunity to provide comments to council. Chris Schulman said he has been reviewing city information on the financial status of several items on the city’s Capital Projects list totaling nearly \$10 million. He expressed concern about the city’s taking on additional capital projects. Noting a growing maintenance backlog, he cautioned council about taking on expensive projects in the current economic crisis.

Using the mayor’s August 4 letter to BOE Superintendent William Hite and email responses to questions received August 29 from Paul Taylor, director of capital programs for the school system, council went over several questions with the BOE representatives.

**Historic Designation**

Using the schematic drawing of the present GMS, they raised questions regarding the BOE’s strategies for the various buildings and wings, including the original 1937 building, a 1945 addition, the 1953 gym, two 1957 classroom additions, a 1962 classroom addition and 1969 additions for arts programs, a large multi-purpose room and administrative offices.

Taylor said the current view is to retain structures that were over 50 years old. Once poten-

tial uses were identified, he said, those areas would be renovated for potential future uses. At first glance these would include the 1937, 1945, 1953 and 1957 areas.

Depending on BOE timing for making decisions, the 1962 addition could fall under the “over 50 years” criterion for preservation by the Maryland Historic Trust and BOE, in any event, could seek a waiver to keep that portion of the school also.

Beyond the portions with a historic preservation interest, three separate 1969 additions exist whose fate, it seems, would be entirely up to BOE. Of those three additions, the large multi-purpose room addition is threatened by BOE’s desire to tear it down to make room for an expanded and relocated school system bus lot for the northern area.

As in all meetings thus far with BOE officials, councilmembers questioned the real need for this expanded bus lot at the GMS location. They urged BOE to evaluate other more convenient locations for the bus lot. Although Taylor said relocating the bus lot is not set in concrete, the need for the lot is part of the school system master plan. Council was also concerned about potential fuel leaks in the future. Taylor said he would take those

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## Hite’s Response Leaves School Status Unclear

In early October, after learning for the first time that the school board may not surplus Greenbelt Middle School, the City of Greenbelt was left in a quandary.

On October 14 council wrote to Prince George’s Schools Superintendent William Hite. Council was dismayed to learn of the school board’s apparent new policy of keeping old school buildings no longer in use as schools, and to have learned this information from one of its own residents, not school officials. However, in his response, Hite left open the possibility that the building could be surplusd.

A city task force, the letter reminded Hite, had spent a year studying how the building could be used for the benefit of the community, having been encouraged to do so by school officials.

Council now sought answers to their questions to provide more solid ground on which to proceed.

**Questions**

“1. Is a long-term lease arrangement possible for use of a portion of the building? If yes, would the City be able to sublease to other organizations and agen-

cies to supplement the programs offered by the City, with any income from such subleasing being retained by the City?

“2. Will the City of Greenbelt be allowed to identify those portions of the old GMS [Greenbelt Middle School] building that it wishes to lease as well as its proposed usage of those portions? Would the city have first priority for selecting the building portions for its use?

“3. Would building portions not selected by the City be demolished or would they be renovated and maintained by the school system?

“4. What money is available for the renovation of GMS and how much is available? Would these funds also be used for the planning and designing work of any areas to be renovated? What are the plans if there is not enough money to renovate the portion of the building to be retained? Are any of these funds going to be used for the bus lot renovation/expansion?

“5. Exactly what time constraints and/or deadlines are we

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### What Goes On

**Tuesday, November 22**  
**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) Meeting, Community Center  
**Thursday, November 24**  
**9 a.m.**, 2011 Gobble Wobble race, Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Youth Center  
**Thursday, November 24** – Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Offices will be closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.  
**Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25** – City Offices will be closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the Council election held Nov. 8. I am deeply honored by the vote of confidence given to me by the citizens of Greenbelt. My gratitude also goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked on my behalf. I am looking forward to continuing to work for the City with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I pledge to do my very best to serve all the citizens of Greenbelt and to work with my colleagues in meeting the challenges our City will certainly face in the next two years. I remain, as always, "Committed to Community".

J Davis

## Thanks

Greenbelt is Great and so are its citizens. I would like to take this time to recognize and thank everyone who voted in the election, particularly those who supported me.

While the coming years will be challenging due to the national economic situation, I look forward to working with the citizens of Greenbelt and my fellow Council members to meet these challenges.

Greenbelt's spirit is creative people, good management and involved citizens. We should remember that Greenbelt is a city that was born during the Great Depression as a community of hope and opportunity. I believe we can turn our present challenges into opportunities just like the pioneers who moved to Greenbelt in 1937.

As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "We have more character because we faced the depression, met our problems and solved them, because we were obliged to try new things to use our ingenuity, to take courage in both hands ... Out of the depression has come to both young and old ... a greater ability to meet life and conquer it."

I believe that spirit still is the essence of Greenbelt. Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better. I look forward to celebrating Greenbelt's 75th anniversary next year by respecting the past and building the future.

Leta Mach

## A Correction

In 2007, I was the city clerk who disqualified Bill Orleans as a candidate for city council. My decision was upheld by the city's Board of Elections on appeal. I was surprised to read on page one of the November 3, 2011, issue of the News Review that in 2007 Mr. Orleans was homeless and had been disqualified "for not being able to state a Greenbelt address." That is not true.

In 2007 Mr. Orleans did have a Greenbelt address that met the standard for residency for run-

ning for office. Although he was able to state it, he refused to do so where required by city law on his affidavit for office and on the petitions that are signed by at least 50 city voters. Then as now, he insisted on using his own definitions of "homeless" and "residence address." He said he was homeless because he no longer had access to the home from which he had been evicted, which he was in court litigating to reclaim. Having no address that he was willing to identify as his current residence, he insisted on using his P.O. box address, which is not acceptable in any jurisdiction, since residency isn't required to have a post office box. I warned him in advance that if he filed with the P.O. box address rather than the address of the house where he was living, I would disqualify him. It was that simple.

As he did this year, in 2007 Mr. Orleans went to the ACLU for assistance. When the ACLU was informed that he refused to identify his place of residence and insisted on using the P.O. box address, their representative did not pursue the matter.

This year Deborah Jeon of the ACLU convinced Mr. Orleans to agree to submit one or more addresses or locations of physical residence, which he did in abundance. Had he been willing in 2007 to use his address of residence on his petitions and affidavit (prior to their execution, not after) he would not have been disqualified by me. By his own choice, he did not do so.

Kathleen Gallagher

## Was Your Reporter Having an Off-night?

I appreciate your publishing my letter regarding the BARC gate on Research Road. Perhaps your reporter was having an off-night and his notes are usually more detailed and accurate. Unfortunately, I do feel you've added to the misinformation problem in stating in your response "nothing was (or could have been) decided in the context of the meeting." In saying so, it would mean your reporter has a misunderstanding of the process.

Discussion and collaboration are important, immensely valuable. But in saying nothing could have been decided in the context of the meeting, it would appear your reporter must have thought the decision-making on this matter belonged to the council and was a matter for a council vote, which could not take place in a worksession, etc. He is entirely mistaken.

The decision was entirely BARC Director Spence's and Mr. Spence could make his decision

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## Victory for Bozo; Mickey Left in Dust

Perennial city council candidate Mickey Mouse received only one write-in vote in the November 8 Greenbelt City Council election. When asked to comment, Mouse's former rival, Donald Duck, who stepped down as a write-in candidate this year, said, "Some candidates just don't know when to stop." A total of 88 write-in votes were cast.

Traditionally, the top vote-getter is elected mayor by the write-in council. With seven votes, Bozo is expected to have that honor, though there is concern that his having received 100% of his votes from Precinct 3 may suggest a problem with the drinking water in Center City.

The new write-in mayor problem will be Kelly Ivy who came in right behind Bozo with six votes but enjoyed broader support among absentee voters and in Precincts 3 and 6.

Bob Auerbach and John Winfrey each received five votes. Molly Lester and Sylvia Lewis both garnered four.

Receiving two votes each were Don Comis, Paul Downs, Martha Heil, Richard Renyer and Joe Timer. Forty-six others, in addition to Mouse, received one vote apiece.

Despite Bozo's strong showing, a striking decline in representation of cartoon characters and literary and sports figures among the candidates this year is consistent with demographic changes for the City of Greenbelt that were also observed in the results of the 2010 decennial census.

## Montpelier Exhibits

The Montpelier Resident Gallery in Laurel is showing collages and paintings by Montpelier studio artist, Jacqueline Lee, through November 27.

### Seascape Photos

The Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel presents an exhibit, Geoff Delanoy, Photographs, through December 31 in the Library Gallery. On display are unique views of the Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, California.

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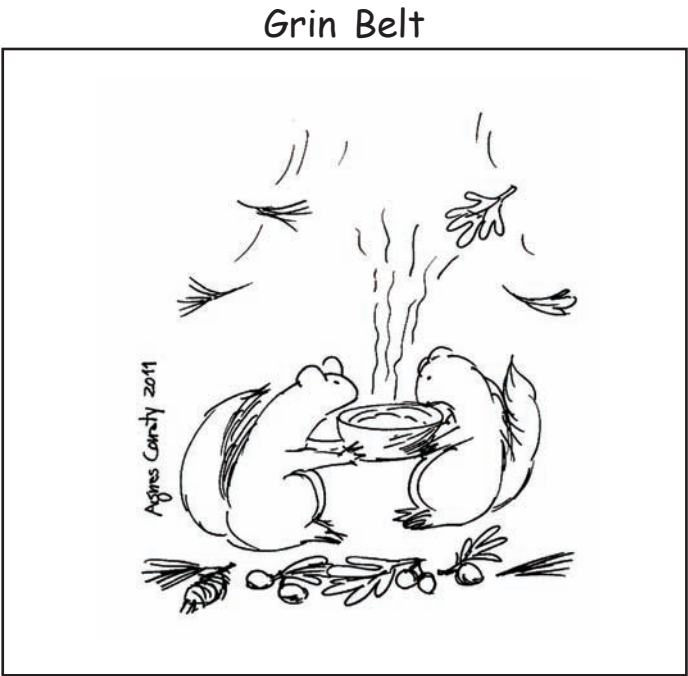
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## News Review Thanksgiving Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week the News Review will move all deadlines back by one day. Naturally the printer is closed Thanksgiving so its employees are able to celebrate the holiday.

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us by no later than Monday, November 21 to be included in the November 24 issue. All material received after Monday evening will need to be held for the December 1 issue.

## Correction

In the back page ad last week run by Konrad Herling the name of a supporter in the photo was incorrectly identified. She is actually Stephanie Kinzer.

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 21 through 25:

Monday – Apple juice, roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, collard greens, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, pork chops with sauce, black-eyed peas, green beans, apricots.

Wednesday – Grape juice, meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, fruit salad.

Thursday and Friday – All sites closed for Thanksgiving.

## GHI Notes

Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Leaf Bags Distribution – Garage 42, 2 Court Gardenway

Saturday, November 19, 11 a.m. – Pre-Purchase Orientation –Board Room

Thursday, November 24, Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Friday, November 25, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Monday, November 28, 7 p.m. – Communicator Task Force – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m. – Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Kids Have Open Mic At New Deal Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, November 20 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdrn@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdrn@yahoo.com).

## GAIL Holds Holiday Coping Workshop

The holiday season can be particularly difficult for people who are grieving. As the whole world seems wrapped up with joy and frivolity, the bereaved person can feel out of place.

On Thursday, December 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 114, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will hold a workshop to provide some ideas to help make the holidays more manageable. Register by calling CARES at 301-345-6660.

## Church to Host Life Line Screening

The Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill Road, will host Life Line Screenings of various types on Wednesday, November 30 for area residents. Pre-registration is required with at least five check-in times reported available.

Screenings that may be requested include packages for vascular disease, stroke, heart rhythm and osteoporosis.

For more information about the screenings, prices or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit the web site at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

## Mishkan Torah Holds Environmental Talk

A program on “Judaism and the Environment” will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, on Sunday, November 20 at 11 a.m. Lore Rosenthal, a Greenbelt resident and the co-founder of Simplicity Matters Earth Institute, will be the speaker.

The program is co-sponsored by the Social Action and the Adult Education Committees of Mishkan Torah. All members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

## Drop Spare Warm Coats at Hilton

Hilton Garden Inn, 7810 Walker Drive, is collecting donations of warm coats for those in need. For more information call Kelsey Gage at 240-542-2533.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
‘Tis the season for elections, and the Golden Age Club is gearing up for the election of officers for 2012. If the nominating committee calls you, please think of serving in a position for the club. The club needs to keep active and strong.

On November 9 we enjoyed a very informative talk by Dr. Hsieh on “Vintage Eyes” (I think that’s a nice word for old).

There will be no meeting on November 23 and we will play bingo on November 30.

Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy family, turkey and pumpkin pie!

## City Notes

Street maintenance crews repaired blacktop near the bus stop on Crescent Road across from the Sunoco gas station and removed stream obstruction at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Recreation staff reported that the updated Weather and Information Hotline is up and running.

Arts staff have secured a \$1,200 grant from the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council to help underwrite the cost of free afterschool art classes at Springhill Lake Elementary School during the 2011/2012 academic year.

## News Deal Café Art Reception Sun., Nov. 20

Three local artists will be exhibiting in the New Deal Café from November 8 through January 2. Missy Dodd’s ornaments will be in the display case, Barbara Stevens’ paintings will be in the back room and Michael Smallwood’s photography will be exhibited in the front room. A public reception for these artists will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m.

The New Deal Cafe art program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FoNDCA).

## At the Library

The library will be closed from 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 through Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

### Read to Rover

Saturday, November 19 at 2 p.m. children age 6 to 11 build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call branch at 301-345-5800 for details. Read to Rover is held on the third Saturday of each month.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, November 23, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info).



PHOTO BY BARBARA STEVENS

**Details of Barbara Stevens’ painting of Adam’s Hand-off to God with homage to Michelangelo.**

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Jack and Jill, PG-13

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Happy Feet Two in 3D, PG

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Lowest prices in the area

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn,

Part 1, PG-13

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Happy Feet Two in 2D, PG

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Immortals, R

11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

Tower Heist, PG-13

11:55, 2:25, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10

### SUN. – TUE.

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Jack and Jill, PG-13

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Happy Feet Two in 3D, PG

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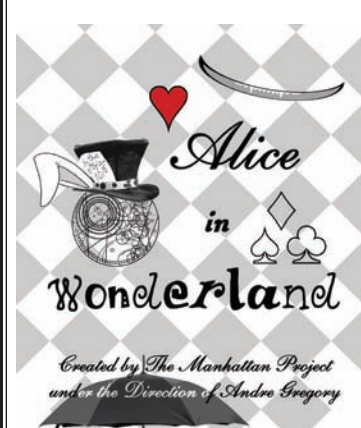
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## GHI Homes, Inc. Fall Gutter Cleaning



Petria Inc. and Royal Gutter Cleaning are scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on GHI homes from **November 21, through December 30, 2011** (weather permitting.) During this time, workers may appear at your building; at doors and windows. Please close your window blinds/shades to preserve privacy while the cleaning is in progress. Contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext. 141 for further information. Thank you.

## OPENING THIS WEEK AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER



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### Coming Soon:

December 8 – 11: Beyond Therapy - Production from Thunderous Productions  
December 15 & 16: A (Comic) Christmas Carol - Production from Christopher Davis  
December 17 & 18: - The Chromatics – Holiday Concert

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### Humberto Guzman

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### Happy Thanksgiving – Thursday November 24th

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### "Black Friday"

The most awaited time of the year for all you shoppers!  
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# Obituaries

## In Memorium

### Stanley Attick

Stanley Attick, who grew up in Berwyn but lived in Greenbelt the last 20 years and was a part of many Greenbelt stories nearly all his life, died on October 11, 2011, at the age of 57. He was the nephew of the late Buddy Attick (for whom the lake park is named) and was a friend of many old-time Greenbelters, including Pat Fern and John McBride. Stanley worked at the Management Company of Beltway Plaza Mall for more than 30 years. He is survived by his son, Jesse, and sister, Bonnie Jenson. An older brother, Dudley, predeceased him.

Stanley was known for his barbecues outside of his apartment on Crescent Road behind Bill Novick's Sunoco Gas and Service Center. All who came were fed. His lifelong friend Teddy Wilson noted that he loved to cook and "he would feed you before he would feed himself." Teddy remembered fondly that Stanley was adventurous and was always up for nearly any activity that came along. He related that Stanley, sometimes with his son Jesse in tow, often accompanied Teddy and his wife Sandy on day trips where they would just take off with no destination planned and end up in Harpers Ferry or some other far-flung locale they chose on the spur of the moment.

Jesse said Stanley was a good provider and made sure his needs were met. He said his father was a motorcycle enthusiast at one time and that he also liked to work on classic cars. Teddy agreed, noting that Stanley enjoyed working on them even though actually driving them was often not the end result. Pat Fern said he first met Stanley when they were attending Parkdale High School. One of his memories is the day they posed for school pictures and Stanley drove his motorcycle to school in jeans and a coat and tie. He remembers Stanley as someone who was a true friend. Pat stated that "When you had a project, Stanley was always there to help until it was completed; not just at the start or finish, but all the way through." Teddy agreed, noting that Stanley had helped him add a garage to his house and remodel his living room.

I did not know Stanley growing up as he was younger than I, but I got to know him a little in the last two years. I remember him during those times as quietly respectful and down-to-earth. He attended some of our band performances. Teddy noted that Stanley loved to dance. There will be a celebration of Stanley's life at the Greenbelt American Legion on Friday, November 18 beginning at 7 p.m., featuring the 'Good Guys' band. All are welcome.

– Rick Ransom



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

## DOT Holds Second Rail Facility Workshop

The Maryland Department of Transportation (DOT) will hold a second public workshop on the proposed new Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility on Monday, November 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Avenue, Beltsville. One of the possible sites for the facility is in Beltsville near Sunnyside Avenue.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide a project update, share the draft purpose and need statement, share preliminary results of environmental studies, share statewide economic benefits and receive questions and comments from the public.

The format of the public workshop will be similar to the April workshop and will not include a formal presentation, thereby allowing participants to arrive at any time and walk through at their own pace. This informal format will facilitate one-on-one communication with project staff and allow participants to focus on areas of the most interest to them. Display areas, poster boards and sound demonstrations will be utilized to share the latest details.

## Saturday Bird Walk Offered in Bowie

Prince George's Audubon Society will host its monthly half-day bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road in Bowie on Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 a.m.. At this time of year, waterfowl and resident and migrating woodland and field birds may be seen, with a good chance of spotting raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain.

For details, call 410-765-6482.

## Our Neighbors

The memorial service led by Alexa and Cole Lauber for their mother, Dorothy, last Sunday was beautiful. It was nice to see many old friends. In addition to family, friends and colleagues from the city office and GHI, there were former Greenbelters Sharon and Theresa Alfaro, Mary Linstrom and a bevy of Alexa's classmates. Many people will miss Dorothy.

Since the letter to the editor in last week's News Review alerting us to the suspension of our mailman, Tony Schiavone, by the Post Office, phone lines and even Facebook have been abuzz with the news. In his long service in Greenbelt, Tony delivered the mail efficiently and caringly. Each person I talked with had a tale of some incident of kindness or extra care he'd taken. He especially looked out for the elderly persons on his route. For this outstanding employee to lose his job within just a few years of retirement seems reprehensible. He should be getting medals instead.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland


The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church Hillside & Crescent Road Wednesday, 11-23-11 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.



**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

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Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
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Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



**Worship Service 10am**




**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*


**November 20, 10 a.m.**  
"For All that is Our Life" By Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associate John Sebastian, \*Director of Religious Exploration Erica Shadowsong\* and the Choir.  
"Gratitude and praise, humility, and generosity ... why ought these Thanksgiving themes be our everyday disciplines?"



**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322




**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



Arts, crafts and sciences uplift the world of being, and are conducive to its exaltation. Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)



**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcome!**

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

**ALL are Welcome!**

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Join a People Ever Free*

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- Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



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6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
[www.myholycross.org](http://www.myholycross.org) email [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

**Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Evening Worship begins Nov. 27, 6 p.m.**  
Quiet, Communion Service  
Come as you are!

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!**  
Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt



Letters to the Editor

Collecting Treats for the Troops

at any time. It would appear he made his decision before the meeting but he could certainly have made it during the meeting. He spoke to his decision and made various commitments during the meeting.

(Now I do not deny that council could vote on whether his decision was acceptable, whether to continue pursuing the matter – just as each of us may individually decide whether what he offered was enough and whether to continue pursuing the matter. Whether that sort of decision is made by council in informal consensus or through a formal process is not something I know. But it is rather aside from the point.)

Velma Kahn

Bring Tony Back

Are you kidding me? What in the world is USPS thinking? Tony Schiavone is one of the best mail carriers Greenbelt has had. Tony has delivered my mail for many, many years. There was a time when Tony’s delivery route changed and he was not on my route. When that happened, the mail service became unacceptable.

Tony was dependable delivering the mail by 1:30 p.m. as the sun coming up in the morning. Never, ever, did I receive the wrong mail. Did Tony have his cell phone glued to his ear talking while delivering? No. Did Tony take a 45-minute nap in his USPS truck while parked in my court? No! Did Tony ever deliver our mail at 6, 7 or 8 p.m.? No. I could go on and on. Yes, the wrong mail has consistently been delivered to me, the nap did take place, and the glued cell phone to her ear did happen. This did happen when Tony was not “at the helm” doing his job and oh, yes, always helping others in whatever capacity he could while still doing his job.

USPS listen up! You have done the City of Greenbelt and its residents a huge injustice by firing Tony, telling him to pack up and leave the premises. How could this happen to one of the best mail carriers Greenbelt has ever had? In all my 33 years on Eastway, Tony was one of three great carriers. One has since retired and the other was put on another route.

Bring Tony back. Greenbelt desperately needs a hard-working, caring, devoted employee as Tony has been for all these years. Those of us living in Old Greenbelt have had our bank moved, our post office relocated and now this – No Tony. Bring Tony back where he belongs.

Yes, Greenbelt Is Great – so is Tony.

Thank you to Linda Edwards for her letter to the editor last week and bringing this injustice to the forefront. Mrs. Edwards mentioned a petition; well, USPS, let the petition begin. You have not heard the last from us.

Kathy Reynolds

Missing Mail Carrier

Thanks so much to Linda Edwards for putting out the alert in last week’s News Review that our stellar long-time mail carrier, Tony, has been let go by the Postal Service. How absurd. Tony is thoughtful and conscientious and has been an important part of our community for fifteen or twenty years. He knows everyone’s names, welcomes us back from vacation and lets us know when a box has been on a neighbor’s porch for more than a day. He always points out when someone has my address wrong (but still delivers the misaddressed mail.) He even alerted me when an absent neighbor’s cat had escaped and was meowing to get back inside the house. Despite his friendliness, he doesn’t waste time - he hustles! I have contacted the letter carriers’ union to see if we can help - they’ll let us know what we can do. Hang in there, Tony. Hopefully your friends here in Greenbelt whom you’ve served so well can be of service to you for a change.

Yet another black eye for the Postal Service. Please stay tuned, Greenbelters.

Melanie Lynn Griffin



PHOTO BY PATTI SMITH

Above holding flags are: Sherina McCrea and Marylou Phelps. Standing are Brandon Anderson, Steven Muri, Emily Jin, Liam Donnelly, Callista Berry, Anthony Levers, Abigail Ramos and Andrew Evans. Sitting: Silas Ramos, Abigail Menendez, Paul Ransom, Melissa Emessiene and Bryce Foreman; lying down: Pierre Hogan and Marco Gillespie.

Children at Greenway Learning Center collected candy to make about 100 treat bags to send to troops overseas as a sweet treat “thank you” from home. They also handed out goodie bags to servicemen past and present in honor of Veterans Day.

Below, Liam Donnelly helps Patti Smith fill goodie bags for the troops.



PHOTO BY ALANDRIA HENDERSON



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE  
Week of November 21

**Monday Route:** Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
**Tuesday Route:** Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
**Wednesday Route:** Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
**Thursday Route:** Refuse collected on Wednesday – No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 26.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-23

Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm **Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability** (Green ACES) , at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee (Adult Member)

For information call 301-474-8000.

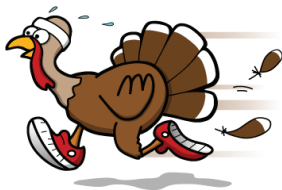
LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS

We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Please don’t park in front of leaf piles.

**November 21 – 23:** Lakewood (November 24-25 Holiday)  
**November 28 – December - 2:** Lakeside & Greenspring I & II  
**December 5 – 9:** Boxwood

Full schedule posted at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

2011 GOBBLE WOBBLE



Thursday, November 24  
9:00am

**Race Day Registration begins at 8am  
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway**

Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 5th Annual Gobble Wobble. 5K race and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk around Buddy Attick Park. Join your family, friends and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your feast. Registration information 240-542-2194 or at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Thank you to Road ID, Greenbelt Co-Op, The Sergeant’s Program.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)  
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**GiGi** is a beautiful young girl that was found wandering the streets of Greenbelt all by herself. She is very energetic and playful, but is still a bit skittish in her new surroundings.

**Peggy** is a young girl who was found wandering all by herself behind a fire station. She is completely adorable and loves to play and be scratched.



**THE SHELTER IS NOW UP TO CAPACITY WITH SWEET KITTENS AND CATS THAT NEED HOMES. PLEASE COME OUT TO SEE THEM, AND MAYBE EVEN SHARE YOUR HOME!**

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! We especially need kitty litter! Follow us on Facebook!

GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE



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projects, noting, among others the long-deferred theater restoration and the need to find a solution to clean up Greenbelt Lake. She expressed the need to focus on sustainability options.

Jordan mentioned the stalemate among national legislators where there does not seem to be the will to do what must be done. He recapped issues he had stressed in his campaign such as the importance of having a vision of the future that is best for the city. He pledged to work with his fellow councilmembers to make the right decisions for Greenbelt.

Roberts was true to his promise to keep things brief. After expressing his thanks, he noted that like the other candidates, he had talked to a lot of people during his campaign “though not quite enough.” He briefly talked about his 10 years on council and congratulated his colleagues on their elections.

While Herling did not promise to keep things as brief as Roberts, he had shortened his planned remarks, he said. He pledged to work with his colleagues and to disagree without being disagreeable. His commitment to “One Green Greenbelt,” he said, is not just a campaign slogan. The

goals he set out are to seek more transportation options for Greenbelt, such as a Circulator bus, to search for an economic strategy, noting the 25 percent vacancy rate and the still vacant space in Roosevelt Center that used to house the post office. He noted that only 41 people voted in Franklin Park, calling it a sign that we must do more.

Putens, noting that the main issues he planned to raise had already been mentioned, said that as he started his 16th term on council he had learned that true leadership comes from the citizens. He praised the support of the city manager and city staff and pledged not to sacrifice the programs, services or employees who mean so much to this city.

Mach noted that she had put over 200,000 steps on her pedometer in the course of campaigning. Most voters she spoke with, she reported, said they had no concerns. Most feel that Greenbelt’s services are excellent. The city must balance these services with costs. Noting that the city was born during the depression as a city of hope and opportunity, she expressed her belief that the city can turn its current challenges into opportuni-

City Council Election (Unofficial Results)									
Top 7 Win									
Candidate	Precinct 3 Center	Precinct 6 North End	Precinct 8 Franklin Park	Precinct 13 Greenbriar	Precinct 18 Turning Pt.	Early Voting	Absentee	TOTAL	% of Total Voting
Judith Davis	386	377	32	205	148	201	34	1,383	78.4%
Emmett Jordan	384	368	28	197	147	210	33	1,367	77.5%
Rodney Roberts	394	411	33	164	124	193	35	1,354	76.8%
Konrad Herling	370	373	23	146	113	206	35	1,266	71.8%
Edward Putens	347	320	35	174	142	192	33	1,243	70.5%
Leta Mach	348	351	29	167	120	190	33	1,238	70.2%
Silke Pope	341	330	26	149	132	193	34	1,205	68.3%
William Orleans	104	121	21	70	51	40	5	412	23.4%
Number Voting									
At Polls	510	503	41	228	173			1,455	82.5%
Early Voting	95	85	5	19	61			265	15.0%
Absentee	24	15	1	1	3			44	2.5%
Total Voting	629	603	47	248	237			1,764	100%
Registration	2,785	2,331	2,192	2,552	2,105			11,965	
Turnout	22.6%	25.9%	2.1%	9.7%	11.3%			14.7%	

ties. She quoted Eleanor Roosevelt on how living through the depression strengthened citizens because they were obligated to try new things and to use their ingenuity. Roosevelt said that these experiences gave citizens

a greater ability to meet life and to conquer it. Mach said she believes that spirit is still the essence of Greenbelt.

Pope said it was a true privilege to have a second opportunity to be a member of council. She

promised to do her best and noted that she is constantly learning. She thanked Roberts for letting her read the Veteran’s Day Proclamation in Davis’s absence and said that council should be sharing and working as a team.

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requirements more relevant to municipal needs. She said MML decided to let the legislation go through as it was and then begin the process of changing it.

Calvo commented that Berwyn Heights had succeeded in reducing the size of its ethics commission to three from five but he was concerned it might be impossible to recruit even that many volunteers. The Four Cities were in general agreement that extensive paperwork and reporting requirements could impact the ability of municipalities to get residents to run for council, to serve on advisory boards that require ethics reporting, and even to recruit volunteers to serve on the local ethics commissions prescribed by the legislation. Davis added that Greenbelt also had a problem with some of the definitions and restrictions regarding gifts.

### Fire Commission

At its October 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council had joined Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton in supporting volunteer firefighters in their opposition to legislation proposed by County Executive Rushern Baker that would grant to the county fire chief much of the authority currently held by the Prince George’s County Fire Commission. In addition, the proposed legislation would make changes to the composition and appointment process for the commission that would reduce volunteer authority. (See page 1 of the November 10, 2011 issue of the News Review for more detailed coverage of this issue.)

Although College Park had not yet sent a letter, representatives agreed at the Four Cities meeting that a letter from the four municipalities on the coalition’s letterhead should be sent to the county executive. Calvo noted that, in response to strong objections from both volunteers and the county council, Baker had requested a 60-day time-out in order for the fire department and volunteers to

come to consensus. At the same time, however, Baker had not backed off on his premise.

Calvo added that he was “shocked” at the way in which the county executive’s office had handled the matter, with little notice or consultation with the volunteers or with the jurisdictions potentially affected.

Davis responded that the county had still not identified the problem it was trying to fix in making these changes. She said the volunteers say nothing is broken but the county seems to be saying that everything is broken.

### Greenbelt Sector Plan

Wojahn commented that the Greenbelt Sector Plan, which is currently being revised, impacts all the communities. He said he would like to see it remain a standing item on the Four Cities agenda until the project is completed.

Wojahn added that the Sector Plan affects quality of life in North College Park, as it controls such matters as building height and stormwater and drainage management. He said they are also concerned with the preservation of the state-owned wetlands area and the alignment of the North-South Connector Road.

Davis said that beyond the Greenbelt Metro Station, Greenbelt is concerned with the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza, the streetscape on Greenbelt Road and the inclusion of components previously part of neighborhood conservation projects planned by the state.

Calvo said that in addition to making greater use of Lake Artemesia and working with existing industrial zones, residents of Berwyn Heights would like to improve the Greenbelt Road streetscape on their side by eliminating some street cuts so that larger areas could be planned. Unfortunately, gaining the co-operation of all private property owners involved would be a major challenge, he said.

Dannielle Glaros, chief of staff for County Councilmember Eric Olson’s office, said that Park and Planning will probably ask for an extension of a couple of months on their current work. She encouraged the cities to keep in touch with them and not hesitate to submit ideas during this period since they continue to seek community opinions.

### Presentations

Rosenberg introduced J. C. Craig, director of Development and Operations for Community Tax Aid, Inc., a non-profit organization based in D.C. that provides free tax services for low-income residents of the Washington metro area. Craig said they were just beginning to work in Prince George’s County, which has the largest low-income working population of any jurisdiction in the area.

He asked for help in spreading the word, identifying volunteers and locating sites as the number of volunteers increases. He said there is greater need but fewer locations for this service in Prince George’s than anywhere else in the state except Baltimore.

Economic development has been an ongoing topic of interest to the coalition and Calvo had invited Stuart Eisenberg, executive director of the new Hyattsville Community Development Corporation, to address the group. Eisenberg spoke with fervor about the need to base planning and visioning in the context of the particular community, since what works in one community will not work in another, he said. Councilmembers were also interested in his emphasis on separate strategic planning for the community and the government because, as he asserted, “the interests of government are not necessarily the same as the interests of the community.” He stressed that community development needs more partners than government alone and that private outweights

public investment.

Fellows then shared a draft document on a 2020 University District visioning process being conducted as a step in creating an integrated community development strategy for the University of Maryland campus and the City of College Park. He said the track record of the new university president, Wallace D. Loh, in working with surrounding communities is promising in terms of a collaboration between the city and the university. The group encouraged Fellows to invite President Loh to speak with the Four Cities Coalition at its next meeting in College Park.

## National Gallery Hosts Free Concerts

On Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art’s own orchestra will perform a free concert of music by Leshnoff and other composers in the West Building Garden Court. Guest conductor will be Markland Thakar and the soloists are Charles Wetherbee and Victoria Chang.

### Verdehr Trio

A free public concert will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23. The Verdehr Trio will perform music for violin, cello and piano by Daugherty, Hovhanness, Menotti, Rorem and Winkler in honor of the exhibit, Warhol: Headlines. This concert will be held in the West Building Lecture Hall.

## BRING BACK OUR MAIL CARRIER!

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GLEN ORA DRIVE  
GREENBELT, MD 20770

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Northway – Carol Siegel, Joan Dies  
Hillside – Lewis Merritt, Jean Quarry  
Lakewood area – Kathleen McFarland, Sue Krofchik,  
Don & Mary Jo Dorsey, Robert & Mary Ann Hawk, Bobby Hawk,  
Joe Hawk, Shirley Palmer, Pat Ball, Joanne Kellaher,  
Gene & Julia Stratchko, Paul Rall, and JoAnn McCarthy*

Please restore Tony Schiavone to his Greenbelt mail route.

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Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Greenbelt



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Louisiana Fresh Yams	<b>49¢</b> lb.	Fresh Ripe Sweet Clementines 5 lb. box	<b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>	California Crisp Celery bunch	<b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b>
Nutritious Fresh Cranberries 12 oz.	<b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b>	Fresh Grade A All Purpose White Potatoes 10 lb. bag	<b>\$3<sup>88</sup></b>	New Crop Crisp Apples Gala/Delicious/McIntosh	<b>99¢</b> lb.
Fresh Tender Asparagus	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Florida Sunburst Tangerines 3 lb. bag	<b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b>	Fresh Cut & Peeled Baby Carrots 1 lb. bag	<b>\$1<sup>50</sup></b>

Fresh Quality Meats				
Shurfine Frozen Basted Turkeys 10-24 lb.	99¢ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Split Chicken Breasts \$ 1 <sup>29</sup> lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Sirloin Steaks \$ 4 <sup>99</sup> lb.	Shady Brook All Natural Fresh Turkeys \$ 1 <sup>49</sup> lb.
Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Loin Chops or Roasts \$ 2 <sup>99</sup> lb.	Pride of the Farm Frozen Turkey Breast 4-7 lb. average \$ 1 <sup>99</sup> lb.	Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef \$ 2 <sup>49</sup> lb.	Swift Frozen Butterball Turkeys \$ 1 <sup>29</sup> lb.	

Dairy		Deli		Frozen			
Kraft Phila. Cream Cheese 8 oz. brick	\$1 <sup>50</sup>	Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese Chunks Assorted 7-10 oz.	\$2 <sup>50</sup>	Hanover Gold Line Vegetables Select Varieties 8-12 oz.	\$1 <sup>50</sup>	Mrs. Smith's Assorted Pies 26-28 oz.	\$3 <sup>50</sup>
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# Police Blotter

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## Robberies

November 7, 5:10 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a man was approached by several boys who assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as 11-year-old black males.

November 7, 7:14 p.m., Breezewood Drive near Cherrywood Terrace, several teenagers approached a man and assaulted him while checking his pockets for property. The suspects are described as black males, 15 to 17 years old, wearing black ski masks.

## Drug Arrest

November 3, 12:59 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Burglary

November 5, 9:07 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. Nothing was reported taken.

November 6, 7:10 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Electronics and jewelry were among the items reported taken.

November 8, 5:51 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Nothing was reported taken.

November 8, 6:07 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. It was reported that a television was taken.

November 8, 8:25 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. It was

reported that electronics were taken.

November 8, 8:50 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. An attempted burglary was reported.

November 9, 5:50 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Electronics were taken.

November 10, 7:15 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An iPod was reported taken.

November 7, 2:38 p.m., 7100 block Ora Court. Electronics and jewelry were among items reported taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Stolen vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Springhill Lane, a burgundy 2002 Dodge Durango with Md. tags; 6200 block Breezewood Court, a red 1994 Ford Mustang with Md. tags; and 9100 block Springhill Lane, a blue 2001 Jeep Cherokee with Del. tags.

A gray 1998 Ford Crown Victoria with D.C. tags was taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court and later recovered in the 6200 block of Springhill Drive. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles occurred in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (book bag, wallet); 6500 block Springcrest Drive (radio face plate, currency); 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (Md. registration sticker); 9100 block Springhill Lane (cellphone); 7900 block Mandan Road (speaker system); and 7300 block Morrison Drive (set of lug nuts).

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## Music Faculty Dish Up a Holiday Feast

Four University of Maryland School of Music faculty will pool their talents to present a free, pre-Thanksgiving musical feast on Tuesday, November 22 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

James Ross will warm up his horn to join Mayron Tsong (piano) and James Stern (violin) for Brahms' iconic Horn Trio. Tsong will serve the familiar with the exotic in two sides by Chopin. Evelyn Elsing (cello) will join Stern to extract many flavors from just two ingredients in Ravel's 1922 sonata for violin and cello.

No reservations or tickets are required. Admittance is on a first-come, first-seated basis, beginning 30 minutes before the event.

For directions or more information, visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) or call 301-405-2787.

## National Gallery Offers Art and Print Exhibits

The National Gallery of Art is offering an exhibition, "From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection," through January 2 in the West Building, ground floor. This is the first exhibition in 45 years to explore the extraordinary legacy left to the nation by this passionate collector.

## Print Exhibit

The National Gallery of Art is presenting an exhibit, "The Gothic Spirit of John Taylor Arms" through November 27 in the West Building, ground floor. With an intense devotion to craftsmanship and an eye for minute detail, Arms (1887-1953) created prints of monumental presence despite their modest size. The exhibition features some 60 prints, drawings and copperplates that span the artist's career, from his early New York works to his finest images of European cathedrals.

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concerns to the Transportation Operations Division.

## Timing, Funding

Taylor noted that timing of renovations depended on how soon interested parties could suggest and define proposed uses for the school's facilities. BOE would like a comfortable amount of lead time, he said, to enable planning for renovations.

BOE would also analyze its own needs for space. No decisions have yet been made on disposition of the school. They would likely occur close to the time when the school is expected to be vacated, he said.

Taylor also acknowledged the contribution of the city's GMS Task Force. Their preliminary report was helpful, he said, in making decisions for the building's future use. Once vacant, and with potential future uses identified, there would be an opportunity to upgrade the building's various code requirements, including handicap accessibility.

Davis and Councilmember Silke Pope inquired about the possibility for partnerships with other agencies. They also wondered whether charter schools have expressed interest in the building.

Councilmember Konrad Herling raised the potential for partnering with the new owners of the Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station complex adjacent to the school property. He also wondered about opportunities for commercial uses.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan probed for more specific cost estimates for BOE renovations. As an example, he said it appeared there was a fairly new boiler serving the main buildings.

Taylor said such estimates would be difficult to determine at this time. More generally he elaborated on the range of funding that would be available for accomplishing renovations.

He described the joint funding made available by the state and the county for constructing the new school. The state had guaranteed 73 percent of the construction funding for the new school, none of which would be available for renovation.

From the BOE's perspective, funds would be available for renovations or disposition of the old school if bids for construction of the new school came in below the budget. No finite amount is available, however, for renovations. The availability of such funds would be contingent on funds left over from the construction budget.

Taylor noted, further, that if proposed uses for GMS were similar to school uses, the required renovations would be less expensive than a situation where, for example, the proposed new uses were medical or dental care.

## Other Uses

Councilmember Leta Mach

posed questions relating to use or lease arrangements. Taylor said that shared uses with county or county programs for the building would present few problems while use of the building for private concerns would be more complicated.

If the city was able to acquire portions of the building and sublease them for county programs, that might be possible with an agreed Memorandum of Understanding, he said. Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Davis joined that discussion, reminding everyone that such an arrangement would require citizen input and public hearings.

Davis asked what if the city opted out of any role in future utilization of the GMS. Taylor said that BOE would likely decide on its future uses but would likely not turn the vacant property over to the county.

At this point Molly Lester was recognized from the audience and shared her email exchange with Schools Superintendent Dr. William Hite and her research on county and state requirements for surplus property disposition. Her revelations totally changed the complexion of the meeting and turned council's discussion to "uses" rather than to "acquisition." As she explained, Dr. Hite's office affirmed that the school would remain in the school district's inventory once it is vacated.

Taylor then reiterated that the next steps should be identification of appropriate uses for the vacant school. BOE would be interested in proposed uses and needs, the estimated number of occupants, descriptions of specific uses, if possible, with as much detail on needs, specifications and space and technology requirements as possible.

GMS Task Force Chair David Lange asked Taylor who the Task Force should contact to get appropriate information on negotiable rates for user fees or rents for BOE properties and he was given the names of responsible individuals.

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facing?

"6. What are the plans for the bus lot?"

## Hite's Response

Hite acknowledged the investment by the City in studying whether to seek use of the historic school building and of his staff's participation during the past year. He continues that his staff has sought the assistance of the Maryland Department of Planning's Maryland Historic Trust concerning any demolition or new construction renovation.

## Questions Answered

1. Any lease of school property would be subject to negotiation and approval by the board of education.

2. Should the school system not continue to use the building, they would first decide whether to surplus to the county which could then offer "for sale to any municipality in which the property lies" or to another public entity (M-NCPPC or WSSC) or the state.

3. "... [A]ny demolition plans would require the review and approval of the Maryland Historic Trust." Options exist for use of the school/property including "restoration of the bus lot."

4. The middle school replacement was approved for funding at \$54.4 Million with \$15.9 Million (maximum) coming from the State. Any renovation of the old building would be the county's responsibility.

5. Although school officials had originally asked that the Task Force coordinate with the capital budget planning cycle, Hite noted that no final decision has been made regarding disposition of the school. Thus, he wrote, "there is no eminent deadline regarding the City of Greenbelt's Task Force deliberations at this time."

6. With the construction of the new school building, 45 buses have been displaced in the adjacent bus lot. The school system's Transportation Task Force is currently developing a plan for the county. Once that plan is completed, the school system will look at the bus lot problem.

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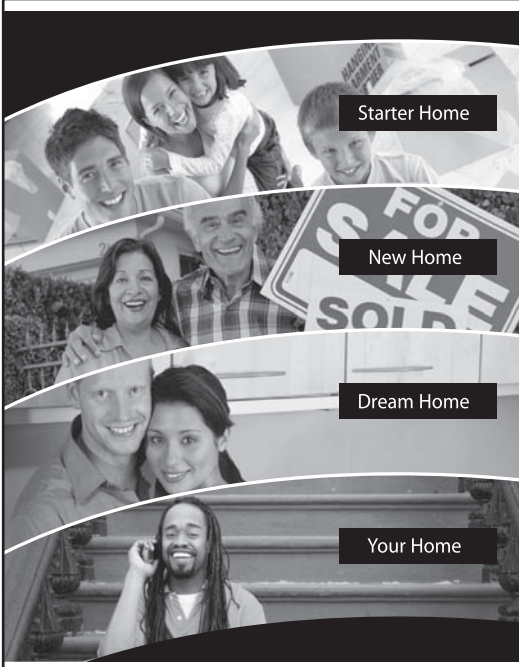
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# Proposed Boundary Changes To Affect Nearby Schools

by Anne Gardner

The Prince George’s County School system recently held meetings to discuss boundary changes and ways to balance enrollment among the schools in the county. The Board of Education’s proposed solutions to these issues could have a major impact on Greenbelt schools.

Most notable are proposals to move the sixth-grade students from Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Hollywood Elementary to Greenbelt Middle School and to designate Greenbelt Middle School as a Talented and Gifted “magnet” school.

Many of the county’s elementary schools are over enrolled while many middle schools are under enrolled. This is particularly true of Greenbelt Middle School, since the new building, which is slated to be completed in July 2012, will have a capacity of almost 1,000 students. Currently fewer than 800 students are at the school.

In addition, the school board favors moving to a three-year middle school system, composed of grades 6 through 8. Sixth-grade students from Springhill Lake Elementary School already attend Greenbelt Middle School. Five other feeder schools – Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia, Berwyn Heights, Hollywood and Paint Branch – are K-6 schools. In the new proposal, Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia and Hollywood Schools would send their sixth-grade students to Greenbelt Middle.

## Boundary Changes

Actual boundary changes would not affect Greenbelt schools as much. The boundaries would move slightly nearer

Hanover Parkway. About 20 students who currently attend Greenbelt Elementary would go to Magnolia.

The other major change is the school board’s interest in expanding the Talented and Gifted (TAG) magnet program to the northern end of the county. The board proposes designating Greenbelt Middle a new TAG center, taking some students currently attending the TAG program at Kenmoor Middle.

Principal Warren Tweedy estimated that this change would add an additional 120 students to the school. As at Kenmoor, TAG students would attend classes entirely separate from those who attend Greenbelt Middle as their neighborhood school.

When Tweedy addressed the recent PTA meeting, he was enthusiastic about changes proposed for Greenbelt Middle School. He claimed that everyone in the neighborhood would want to attend the new school in 2012. He believed the new building would probably open at full capacity.

A public hearing on the proposals will take place on Wednesday, November 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School. According to the press release, the public hearing will formally brief parents, students and community members on the superintendent’s proposed changes. These will then go before the Board of Education for a vote in December.

The public may register to speak for three minutes at the hearings by contacting the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300.

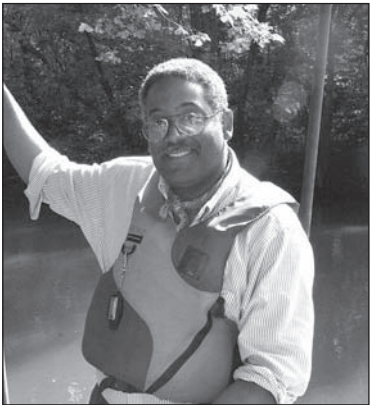
# Reel & Meal Hosts Talk On Issues that Divide Us

by Susan Barnett

On Monday, November 21 the Reel & Meal at the New Deal Café will host “A Sense of Place” with Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman, who will lead a discussion about how class, race and sense of place shape individual approaches to environmentalism and conservation values. The free evening program, which begins at 7 p.m. will feature a short media presentation and a dialogue about how to build strong, compassionate communities and a more inclusive environmental movement around a broad sense of shared place.

The free discussion begins at 7 p.m. with an optional (but not free) vegan buffet at 6:30 p.m.

Place, race, community and the environment are topics Fred has seriously considered for some time. In his work as an environmental advocate, he experienced firsthand the internal fights in the suburbs between neighbors who want streetlights for safety and those who hate streetlights because they ruin the night sky. They are both right but just in different places. Or how those who think walking trails are a great recreational asset compared to those who think they breed crime and where muggers lurk. His ideas about “place” are a fusion of both environmental circumstances and the people who



live there. Tutman will speak to issues that divide and facilitate ways to come together around race, place and the environment.

Tutman was born and raised along the Patuxent River as were seven generations of his ancestors. Prior to founding Patuxent Riverkeeper in 2004, he operated a business that provided professional media and mass communication services internationally. He also worked as volunteer activist on the Patuxent for over 20 years.

Co-sponsors of the series are Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society), Prince George’s Peace & Justice Coalition and Green Vegan Networking.

For more details email Susan Barnett at [susnbarn@earthlink.net](mailto:susnbarn@earthlink.net).

## “Looking Back”

Some memories of early residents moving to Greenbelt from the book of recollections, Looking Back, lovingly compiled by the late Dorothy Lauber for the City of Greenbelt’s 50th Anniversary in 1987.

“We put in our application for a house in Greenbelt... but people who owned property were not eligible, so we moved to a place in Hyattsville for three months and then we were accepted....” – Dorothea Gussio

“We applied for housing... and gave our dog to my mother. Fortunately for us, the first occupants of 1-K Gardenway had slipped in a bulldog and [they] were made [to] move out and [we] replaced them.” – Lucille Howell

At an open house, “There was a young girl taking names and having people who qualified fill out applications. I spoke with her and told her that my mother, father and I would like to apply; that my father’s tiny clergy pension and my small salary, as a government typist, totaled about \$1,920 a year, so we would qualify. She said it [Greenbelt] was only for married couples with children. I said my parents were married and I was their child.” – Janet James. (A few years later the James family moved to Greenbelt and James learned that the woman was mistaken.)

“We applied and the Tenant Selection people came to our apartment, looked it over and questioned us about our interests. I quit my job and we moved in April to an apartment at 46-E Crescent Road. ... We used to say we lived on Broadway and 42nd Street because we could see everything in the Center from our balcony.” – Freida Perlzweig

“I was eight years old the first time we visited Greenbelt. ... We finally moved here when I was 14 and even though we knew something about what it would be like, we were still surprised at how friendly the people were. Greenbelt was safe, beautiful, quiet and surrounded by woods. I’ve never left it.” – Pauline St. Martin Bordas. (Bordas still resides in Greenbelt).

“...we had to fill out a form saying why we wanted to live in this town and we had to tell them our background...what part of the country we came from, our religious leanings, children... we were very anxious to move here...” – Bernice Brautigam

“A friend told [her husband Joe] about Greenbelt.... As soon as he saw it, he signed up. We lived on hope...answered all the questions they sent...about what we expected, what we had to offer the community, how we would participate.... Finally, in the spring of 1938, the children and I began our journey by train....” – Peg Loftus

**Editor’s Note:** This side bar was meant to accompany last week’s story on the selection process of Greenbelt’s original residents.



Young mothers wheel their baby carriages on a cold winter day. The sign at the edge of the street says, "Tenant Selection Office." – photo from Greenbelt: History of a New Town 1937-1987.

## A Review

# Down the Rabbit Hole – And Getting Hookahed

by Jim Link

Under the brilliant direction of Betsy Marks Delaney we are hooked in the first three minutes of this zany, intelligent production of “Alice in Wonderland” now at the Greenbelt Arts Center. As the stage darkens we are treated to the strains of Jefferson Airplane’s “White Rabbit” and the crescendo-building voice of Grace Slick (“Feed your head!”).

As the stage lightens, the whole cast of five tiptoes out stealthily, scrunched together under a couple of umbrellas ominously reciting “Jabberwocky.”

And then this Fab Five are off and running nonstop for 75 minutes – no intermission here – regaling us with a dazzling kaleidoscope of dance, pantomime, paradox, portmanteau words, fractured logic, humor, even a latent threat. Oh yes, with singing and dancing, too!

Based on Andre Gregory’s celebrated 1972 production for the Manhattan Project, Delaney has tweaked the play with a few infusions of more timely cultural references. Each cast member plays three or four roles and all costume changes are done onstage (peripherally) while the action propels onward.

Ronda Ansted, for example, plays the Red Queen (“Off with her head!”), the Cheshire Cat AND . . . Bob Dylan! She has a wardrobe a transvestite Naomi Campbell would envy.

The cast is uniformly enormously competent – spot on with perfect timing and mercurial mood changes. They clearly had a blast performing; so we do too, watching.

Some memorable highlights include Kathleen Mil as the White Queen, the March Hare, the narcoleptic dormouse (et al.) fluttering about, skittering across the floor, undulating, practically levitating, depending on what her roles demand. Clearly she has the educated body of a trained dancer. Indulge me, gentle read-

er: Mil floats like a butterfly, buzzes like a bee ; she’s positively gorgeous, prettier than Muhammad Ali!

## Balloon Princess

It’s a hoot to see Ryan Willis (the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar, et al.) inflate Alice into the Balloon Princess by blowing hard on her middle finger, then watch her deflate, crumple and deliquesce onto the floor like the Wicked Witch of the West in “The Wizard of Oz.” Liz Cassedy is the perfect blonde ingénue Alice – excitable, wonder-filled, pouty, crying, foot-stamping by turns. She is on stage the whole 75 minutes and never flags.

As the Caterpillar, Willis takes several very effective hits from his hookah – the middle finger of Kathleen Mil, and his voice promptly deepens from his Mad Hatter’s falsetto into a James Earl Jones bass when he intones a languorously stretched out “Wow!”

Susanne Bard is a thoroughly pompous duchess, a superb croquet ball, a delightful narcoleptic Dormouse and she looks spiffy in a tuxedo.

An inspired ending has the audience singing the slightly revised lyrics of Bob Dylan’s “A-Sitting on a Gate” from sheets distributed by the cast. Ansted, harmonica attached below her chin, nasally elongates the last word in each line – a beautiful spoof.

Set designer Delaney says in her director’s notes: “Regarding our design: The Steampunk movement, a recent reawakening of interest in H. G. Wells and Jules Verne’s Victorian-era technology infused with the genres of Science Fiction and Fantasy, serves as a perfect backdrop for our version of the play.”

This surreal, revisionist, timely production is a delight. Beware the frumious bandersnatch, but go see Alice in Wonderland. Playing until December 3, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays (November 20 and 27) at 2:30 p.m.

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